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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLOS, TU  
SUBJECT: LOS: MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

REF: STATE 116631

1. MAY 25 EMBOFF MET WITH MFA OFFICERS RIZA TURMEN AND SUHA UMAR, WHO SHARE WORKING LEVEL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOS, TO PRESENT U.S. POSITION ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MSR). BOTH TURMEN AND UMAR, WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE TURKISH LOS DELEGATION (UMAR WILL REPRESENT TURKEY IN COMMITTEE III), LISTENED CAREFULLY AND TOOK NOTE OF U.S. VIEWS.
2. IN RESPONSE, THEY INDICATED THAT THE PRESENT TURKISH POSITION IS CLOSER TO THAT OF THE DEVELOPING, COASTAL COUNTRIES THAN TO THAT OF THE U.S. THEY EXPLAINED THAT TURKEY BELIEVES THAT THE LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION IN MSR HAS REACHED THE  
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POINT THAT DEVELOPING NATIONS SUCH AS TURKEY DO NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO MONITOR SUCH RESEARCH EFFECTIVELY. THEY SAID THE GOT IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF MSR CONDUCTED BY THE SOVIET UNION NEAR THE TURKISH COAST, PARTICULARLY IN THE BLACK SEA. FOR THESE REASONS, THE PRESENT GOT POSITION IS THAT THE COASTAL STATE MUST HAVE THE RIGHT TO DENY PERMISSION FOR MSR REGARDLESS OF

ITS EXPRESSED PURPOSE.

3. TURMEN AND UMAR ASSERTED, HOWEVER, THAT GOT RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR RELATIVELY UNRESTRICTED MSR AND SAID THAT GOT WAS PREPARED TO SEEK A COMPROMISE SOLUTION. IN THAT REGARD, TURMEN ASKED WHAT THE U.S. POSITION WAS WITH REGARD TO "YANKOV COMPROMISE" WHICH HAD BEEN CIRCULATED IN UN PUBLICATION DATED 16 SEPT. 1976 (A/CON 622/L 18). EMBOFF SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING (ON THE BASIS OF 76 STATE 232587) THAT YANKOV'S INFORMAL PROPOSAL COULD NOT SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE.

4. TURMEN ALSO VOLUNTEERED IN PASSING THAT GOT DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE MSR ISSUE WAS SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT TO ANY COUNTRY (INCLUDING THE U.S.) THAT OVERALL LOS AGREEMENT WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED BY DISAGREEMENT ON MSR.  
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